

**(SPEEDY ACTION
DISCLOSE FILES
MEAT PACKERS**

al Trade Commission
Urgent Request for
Special Legislation.

**GE COMPLETE CONTROL
INDUSTRY WAS SOUGHT**

tion of Seizure of Docu-
Cited as One Reason
for Drastic Laws.

IF COURT QUESTIONED

Be Done Held of Such Vital
Importance as to Necessitate Con-
gressional Approval.

(By Associated Press.)

GO, February 28.—Government
for millions of pounds of
for troubles and employers'
to oppose them, the difficulties
meat dealers in Chicago, and
placed in the way of but-
in rural Indiana were some of
ects touched on to-day in the
Trade Commission investiga-
the packing industry.

the questioning of Francis J.
counsel for the commission,
told of the difficulty in mak-
assessable profit in the retail
less in Chicago, in direct con-
statements that retail butch-
responsible in some degree
meat prices.

They brought out that the
on of changing government spec-
ions so as to permit cheaper meats
included in army contracts had
considered by the five big pack-
houses and the quartermaster's de-
ment.

PACKERS' CONFIDENTIAL FILES

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BY APPELLATE COURT
tion of the appellate court in
the stay, said Mr. Honey, pre-
the government from even ex-
papers already in its posses-
which a Federal district court
had been used "as the means
for obtaining the release of the
papers by Swift & Co.,
corporations."

letter to Vice-President Mar-
President of the Senate, the
Trade Commission described
tion "to be of such vital im-
to its work, and possibly the
other departments of the gov-
as to require its calling the
to the attention of Congress.

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delphia paper to-day, alleging that
the vessel was unseaworthy, and have
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legations made in that article."

EXPERTS HUNTING TREES

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ern pine timber for shipbuilding opera-
tions, the Emergency Fleet Corporation
is putting logging experts into the
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the heavier lumber.
So slow has been the delivery of the
heavier timbers that the corporation
is obtaining from the Pacific Coast
3,000 cars of fir lumber for use in
Eastern and Southern yards.
The wooden building program, it was
declared to-day, is at least three months
behind the schedule, with little hope
of catching up.
The logging experts put in the
South are working out of New Orleans
and Jacksonville. They are assisting
the mills, which have had the greatest
difficulty in finding trees for the
heavier cutting.

ASSISTANT PAYMASTER DEAD.

WASHINGTON, February 28.—The
death of Assistant Paymaster Robert
P. Cooke, U. S. N. R. F., at the naval
hospital in Norfolk, Va., on February
28 was announced by the Navy Depart-
ment to-day. His mother, Mrs. Emma
P. Cooke, lives at Johnson City, Tenn.

**Bryan Tells Secret
of His Long Locks**

SYRACUSE, N. Y., February 28.—
Out upon the French, who claim to
have discovered camouflage! It was
invented by Mrs. William J. Bryan
when he was in the army, and he
read Mr. Bryan's own explanation,
given for the first time to-day, as to
why he maintained the famous
flowing locks of hair that tickle his
collar.

"It's my wife's idea," he smiled.
"The Lord made me for utility
rather than beauty. He gave me
ears that stick out a good deal more
than artistic standards require."
"I had my hair cropped away
back in 1882, when I was engaged to
my wife, and the result was ter-
rible. I nearly lost her. She has
since made me wear my hair long ever
since. It is what I call justifiable
camouflage."

**SEVENTEEN ARE HELD
FOLLOWING LYNCHING**

Warrant Charges They Participated
in Killing Walter
Best.

FIVE GIVE SUM OF \$7,500 BAIL
Some of the Men Are Prominent in
Columbia, S. C., Agricultural and
Business Interests—Papers Sworn
Out by Sheriff.

(By Associated Press.)
COLUMBIA, S. C., February 28.—
Seventeen white men of Barnwell
County were placed under heavy bonds
by Circuit Judge W. H. Townsend
here to-day for alleged participation
in the lynching of Walter Best, a negro,
last Saturday. The negro early that
day had shot William Wilson, a young
white boy, to death in a blacksmith
shop.

Five of the men were required to
furnish bail to the amount of \$7,500
each and twelve to give \$5,000 bail.

Some of the men are prominent in
the business and agricultural interests.
The warrants were sworn out by
Sheriff Morris, of Barnwell County,
who said in an affidavit that he recog-
nized most of the men apprehended,
eight or nine of whom he designated
as going into the swamp with the
negro, after dragging him from the
officers' machine.

One of the sheriff's deputies made
an affidavit corroborating the sheriff's
testimony and also named a man who
he says dragged the negro from the
automobile.

The men placed under heavy bond
are C. H. Sanders, John Dunbar, O. B.
Lynes, E. G. Connelly and Oscar Car-
lton.

Those furnishing bail to the amount
of \$5,000 are J. R. Blount, W. B. San-
ders, C. A. Sanders, B. B. Best, S. W.
Domitick, Leo Todd, Lawrence Harter,
Grady Harter, H. H. Young, Simms
O'Neal, George Hogg and Frank Har-
ter.

INVESTIGATING WRECK

Navy Department Orders Probe of
Sinking of Naval Tug
Cherokee.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, February 28.—In-
vestigation by a naval board of the
sinking of the naval tug Cherokee,
with a loss of twenty-nine lives, was
ordered to-day by Secretary Daniels.
The secretary said he had called the
attention of the board particularly to
published reports that the navy had
been warned that the Cherokee was
unseaworthy.

A board of investigation and ap-
praisal which examined the vessel
when she was taken over by the navy
October 17 last reported that her en-
gines, boilers and hull were in fair con-
dition and needed only minor repairs.
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**RICHMOND CHARTER
PASSED BY SENATE**

Unanimous Vote Is Given
Changes Requested by
City Council.

SENATE DEFINES CAPITAL

Also Passes Bill Fixing Situs of
Taxation, Reducing Reve-
nues of Cities.

The Richmond city charter bill
passed the Senate last night without
a dissenting vote. Senator Cannon
moved to have the Senate Committee
on Counties, Cities and Towns dis-
charged from the consideration of the
House bill, which passed unanimously
on Wednesday. The motion was
adopted unanimously. The bill was
then substituted for the Senate bill.
The constitutional reading was dis-
pensed with, and the bill was passed
on its passage. The bill has passed the
House, and remains only to be signed
by the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor
and the Speaker of the House, after
the Senate refuses to reconsider the
vote by which the bill was passed.

UNANIMOUS PASSAGE

VICTORY FOR CITY COUNCIL
Unanimous passage of the bill in
both branches of the General Assembly
is regarded as a complete victory for
the City Council in its contest with the
factious city employees headed by
the Administrative Board. More than
a year ago the council appointed a
committee on charter changes which
reported a series of amendments, the
chief feature of which was the aboli-
tion of the Administrative Board and
the creation in its place of a council of
department chiefs under the super-
vision of the Mayor.

The Administrative Board was cre-
ated in 1912 and consists of five mem-
bers elected at large, who draw \$5,000
per year each. Its creation was by
means of a charter amendment, with-
out popular vote, and was regarded as
a concession to the general demand for
centralization of government and a
step in the direction of commission-
management. Power of levying taxes,
appropriating money, enacting ordi-
nances and granting franchises re-
mained, as it will under the new
amendments, in the City Council. The
act amending the charter is to be sub-
mitted to the voters as soon as it has
taken effect, and is expected to be
voted on sometime this summer.

CITY HALL PETITION

TO BE VOTED ON APRIL 30
Meanwhile, city employees and
others, under the leadership of Gra-
ham B. Hobson and other members
of the Administrative Board, have
circulated what is known as the "city
hall" petition and have secured 1,254
signatures to a petition under the act
of 1916 for the election of a charter
commission. This election is proposed
to be held April 30, when the voters
will first determine whether or not
the charter is to be changed, and if in
favor will in the same election elect a
charter commission, which shall draw
a new charter outright and submit the
results of its work to another election.

Considering the source of this peti-
tion, many people have regarded it as
an effort to muddy the water, to divert
attention from the Council's proposed
changes and to retain the Administra-
tive Board in office for two years or
more. At the same time, however,
opponents of the two-branch Council
have shown a disposition to join with
the proponents of the "city hall" peti-
tion, and while welcoming the Council's
amendments for what economies
they may effect at once, will also ad-
vocate the election of a commission
to draw up a new plan of city gov-
ernment, which can be submitted to
the voters and be in shape for approval
by the General Assembly of 1920.

SENATE DETERMINES

SITUS FOR TAXATION
The bill defining capital and the one
determining the situs of all materials
for purposes of taxation to be the coun-
ty in which the material may be lo-
cated were among the bills passing the
Senate last night. The fact that the
new Code omitted the definition of
capital enacted by the General Assem-
bly of 1916 was urged as the demand
for the immediate passage of these
companion bills. The bill relating to
capital defines it so as to include, in
the connection with borrowed money,
the excess of accounts and bills pay-
able over accounts and bills receiv-
able. It provides that in this matter,
as in all the elements of capital, the
account shall be taken as an average
of February 1 and August 1 of each
year.

The West situs bill provides for the
purpose of taxation, that the situs of
all materials shall be the physical lo-
cation of the materials, and not the
location of the head office of the cor-
poration owning such goods. This bill
was passed as one of the measures
tending toward fairness of distribution
of taxes and toward the benefit of the
country, which will still further reduce
the revenues of cities, already hard
hit by the various changes made in tax
laws in recent years.

HOUSE BALKS AT

INCREASING TAXES
After advancing all of its local and
uncontested bills to Congress and
disposing of several minor measures on
the final reading, the House of Dele-
gates yesterday balked on the Finance
Committee bill providing for an addi-
tional school levy of 5 cents. This,
with the West 50-15 bill, will be taken
up as unfinished business to-day, when
several amendments will be offered.

Because it had so nearly completed
the work before it, the House held no
afternoon session. The Senate, how-
ever, still entangled in momentous
measures, it will still further prac-
tically all day and well into the night.
The Senate measure authorizing the
appropriation of \$20,000 for the pur-
chase of the Davis Building, in which
(Continued on Fifth Page.)

**CANADIANS DECLINE
TO HEAR MR. BRYAN**

Returned Soldiers Demand in
Chorus, "What About the
Lusitania?"

PANDEMONIUM BREAKS OUT

Disturbers Drown Out Speaker
With "Rule Britannia" and
"God Save the King."

(By Associated Press.)
TORONTO, February 28.—William
Jennings Bryan was refused a hearing
when he appeared at Massey Hall here
to-night to address a prohibition meet-
ing under the auspices of the Dominion
Alliance.

Returned soldiers caused the dis-
turbance by shouting various epithets.
"What about the Lusitania?" they also
demanded in chorus.
The first disturbance came before Mr.
Bryan's entry, when the chairman told
the audience they were to be honored
by listening to the fraternal delegate
of the Anti-Saloon League of America.
"One of the foremost citizens of our
ally," When Mr. Bryan came in, pan-
demonium broke loose. Most of the
audience stood, waved handkerchiefs
and cheered him, but the answering
hoops from the gallery outlasted the
cheers.

For five minutes Mr. Bryan tried
vainly to make himself heard. The in-
terruption kept right on, and the
interruptors sang "Rule Britannia" and
"God Save the King."

MEN SHAKE FISTS AT

FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE
They inquired about the Lusitania
and sang "Over There" and "We Won't
Go Home Until Morning." Men stood
up and shook their fists at Mr. Bryan.
Soldiers showed the service button on
their coats and shouted defiance at
those who pleaded for a hearing for him.

Enthusiastic prohibitionists who
wished to hear Mr. Bryan, hurled across
the hall counter calls of "Put them
out!" and "Where's your fair play?"
The chairman was heard to say some-
thing about ejecting the interruptors.
He was greeted with cries of "Who's
going to do it?"

Mr. Bryan took his seat.
John H. Roberts, of Montreal, made
an attempt to speak, but was told to
"Get the khaki on!"

Then a man of the army medical
corps dressed in uniform was hoisted
on the platform.
"Boys, they are fighting for freedom
at the front. They are also fighting
for freedom of thought. Why should
we interrupt the meeting?" he appealed
to the gallery.

APPEAL FOR FAIR

PLAY GIVEN IN VAIN
The appeal was in vain. "God Save
the King" was sung again, and the
soldiers in the gallery shouted: "Take
Bryan out, and we'll walk out! We'll
let any man speak, but not a pro-
German!"

After the band had played another
air, Mr. Bryan made a brief, but futile,
attempt to make himself heard. Then
he took a chair to the edge of the plat-
form and talked to the reporters, the
noise never ceasing for an instant.

MR. BRYAN TALKS TO

REPORTERS BY PLATFORM
"I am here by invitation," said Mr.
Bryan. "I come as the representative
of 25,000,000 of the American people
who have banded themselves together
in various organizations for the pro-
motion of prohibition. I have spoken
in one hall to-night before an audience
that gave me not only respectful, but
enthusiastic attention."

"I find that less than 5 per cent.
probably more nearly less than 2 per
cent. of this audience refuse to allow
the rest of the audience to hear me
speak. Ordinarily those who interrupt
a meeting are put out because they
refuse an overwhelming majority the
right to hear. In this case, I am not
willing that force should be used to
elect the men from the hall. I would
rather that the meeting should break
up."

"My patriotism is satisfactory to the
President of the United States; it is
satisfactory to the Cabinet of the United
States; it is satisfactory to the Con-
gress of the United States. There is
not one single person in the United
States who can say that one drop of
blood in my veins is not loyal to my
country."

SAYS HE HAS A GRANDSON

IN NAVY DEPARTMENT
Mr. Bryan told the reporters that
his daughter was married to a British
engineer officer, that one of his grand-
sons was a British subject and that
another was in the Navy Department
at Washington.

"I say this," he added, "that you may
know that I do not have to apologize
to any one."

MR. BRYAN WILLING

TO SPOKE NIGHT IN HALL
Mr. Bryan announced his readiness
to stay all night in the hall and try
to talk to the people. He said he
would have no coercion, however.
"Enough men," he added, "are being
injured in our fighting to make the
world safe for democracy without any
one being injured to give me a hear-
ing."

The former Secretary of State spoke
for quite a while on the progress of
prohibition to those who had crowded
down to the platform, but it is doubt-
ful if many of them could hear him
owing to the noise.

The meeting broke up when the audi-
ence joined once more in singing "God
Save the King."

Senator Favors Suffrage.

WASHINGTON, February 28.—Sen-
ator Gallinger, of New Hampshire, the
Republican Senate leader, openly de-
clared himself in favor of the woman
suffrage constitutional amendment to-
day, and told the Senate he hoped it
would pass. It already has passed the
House.

**AMERICANS FACE
BARRAGE BLAZE**

Bill to Govern Federal Operation
of Railroads Passed by House

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, February 28.—The
bill to govern Federal operation of
railroads was passed by the House
to-night by a vote of 337 to 6.

Two Democrats and four Republi-
cans voted against the measure
when the final vote came. They
were Thomas, Kentucky, and Gor-
don, Ohio, Democrats; and Chandler,
Oklahoma; Denison, Illinois; Han-
gen, Iowa, and Hamsy, Iowa, Rep-
ublicans.

The Senate previously had passed
the bill which now goes to confer-
ence for settlement of differences
between the two houses. The House
bill provides for the return of the
roads to their owners two years
after the war ends instead of in
eighteen months, as the Senate draft
proposes, and the House measure
vests final rate-fixing authority in
the President, while the Senate
would leave this power in the In-
terstate Commerce Commission.

These two sections of the bill
caused spirited fights in the House
to-day. Opponents of these fea-
tures won momentary victories
when the bill was discussed in com-
mittee of the whole, but on final
vote proponents marshaled their
forces, mostly on the Democratic
side, and succeeded in putting
through the bill with these features
intact—as framed by the committee.
An amendment by Representative
Sweet, of Iowa, giving the rate-
making power to the Interstate
Commerce Commission, was adopted

in committee of the whole, 164 to
157. This showed almost the full
strength for the amendment, as
when the vote was taken on final
passage it was defeated, 165 to 211.

In the committee of the whole,
an amendment by Representative
Esch, of Wisconsin, to limit tenure
after the war to one year, was
adopted, 133 to 40; it was thrown
out on final passage, 206 to 166.

Both Senate and House leaders
believe the conference will be able to
reach a speedy agreement. Admin-
istration officials have urged prompt
action on this and the war cor-
poration bill so the way may be
cleared for the third Liberty loan,
and it was expected efforts for
quick action would not cease until
final passage in both houses.

The Senate bill definitely pro-
vides that the basis of compensa-
tion shall be a just return on the
average net operating income for
the three-year period ending June
30, 1917, but the House bill is a
little more elastic. The House
adopted an amendment which would
give the President discretionary
power to take into consideration
money spent for improvements by
the roads between June 30 and De-
cember 28, 1917, the day they were
taken over. The Senate defeated an
amendment specifically requiring
that such expenditure should be in-
cluded. Many House members view
the amendment as a compromise
and think it will be adopted by the
conference.

FAVOR WAR AFTER WAR

Members of United States Chamber of
Commerce Vote for Action Un-
less Germany Reforms.

WASHINGTON, February 28.—Eco-
nomic war on Germany after the war
is favored by the members of the
United States Chamber of Commerce.
Headquarters of that organization to-
night announced the result of the re-
cent referendum among its members in
all parts of the country. The vote
was 1,304 to 154.

The resolution urges that the United
States enter an economic league
against Germany after the war unless
the German government is made re-
sponsible to the German people. Un-
der the present government of Ger-
many, says the resolution, Germany's
armament, and consequently the arm-
ament which all other nations must
maintain, can be limited only by Ger-
many's commercial prosperity.

GALLANT BEATS WOMAN

New Yorker Uses Pistol on Conduc-
tress's Nose When She Resents
Attempt at "Mashing."

NEW YORK, February 28.—Miss
Marie Stewart, conductress on an
Eight Street car, took a beating to-
day in defense of her right to do her
"bit" in war time. Later she had the
satisfaction of seeing her assailants,
Louis Wertheimer and Abe Elkins,
punished in court.

Wertheimer, it was charged, beat her
with his fists when she ordered the
pair from the car, following uninvited
openly expressed admiration on their
part. She appeared in court with nose
bleeding.

"Women doing war work left by
patriotic men will be protected to the
utmost in my court," declared the
magistrate.

MRS. HIRSCH MAY ESCAPE

Mayor Asa Candler, Vindicated in
Blackmailing Case, May Be
Lenient to Woman.

ATLANTA, Ga., February 28.—Having
been vindicated in the conviction
of J. W. Cook, on a charge of attempt-
ing to blackmail him out of \$500,000,
Asa Candler, multimillionaire Mayor,
to-day is inclined to show leniency to-
wards Mrs. Margaret Hirsch, who was
indicted with Cook on the same charge.
The Mayor believes that the woman
was a victim of Cook, and is said to
want to drop the prosecution against
Mrs. Hirsch.

Cook was convicted and sentenced to
one year imprisonment and fined \$1,000.

TWO LOAVES A WEEK

Philadelphians Must Not Eat More
Bread Than That Under
New Ruling.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., February 28.—
Two pounds of bread weekly for each
person is one of the new drastic food
rules issued to-day by the local ad-
ministrator. The rules become opera-
tive at once. Failure to obey will re-
sult in the issuance of bread cards.
Still stricter rules are to follow, it was
declared.

MRS. VIRGINIA BRAGG DEAD

Decedent Was Daughter-in-Law of
Confederate General Brax-
ton Bragg.

MOBILE, Ala., February 28.—Mrs.
Virginia Evans Bragg, daughter-in-law
of General Braxton Bragg of the Con-
federate army, died at her home here
to-day. A son, John Bragg, resides at
Corsicana, Tex.

Here's Spottless Town.

MANCHESTER, N. H., February 28.—
February 28, this town was revealed
to-day as the original spottless town,
when it was learned that there had
not been an arrest since January 1.

What You Want

The Way to Get It Is by Using
a T-D Want Ad

**ATTACK REPULSED
WITH STREAM OF
DEADLY BULLETS**

Stray Shell Falls on Ammu-
nition Train, Killing Two
and Injuring Four.

**HUN INVASION OF RUSSIA
SUDDENLY SLOWED DOWN**

Declared Orders From Berlin
Are Responsible for Halt-
ing of Forces.

COSSACKS RUSHED TO FRONT

Petrograd Also Sends Out Mixed De-
tachments of Soldiers to
Battle Teutons.

(By Associated Press.)

American troops in the trenches of
the Chemin-des-Dames sector yester-
day faced a heavy barrage fire directed
against them by the Germans, accord-
ing to reports coming from the Amer-
ican army headquarters on the French
front. The attack was repulsed with
losses to the Teutons.

The well-placed American machine
guns sent streams of bullets into the
advancing enemy, and, as the German
barrage fire lifted, the American artil-
lery quickly laid down a curtain of
fire, the Germans retreating without a
single prisoner.

There were no American casualties.
Five French soldiers were wounded
during the fighting.

The Americans stayed in their dug-
outs until the proper time, when they
jumped to the guns and fought like
veterans.

Yesterday one officer and one man
were killed and two wounded by
enemy shell fire. One American soldier
was "gassed." The Germans made a
gas attack also in this sector, firing
fifty projectiles of high per cent. gas
and twenty high explosive shells.

One American soldier is dead and
eight are suffering from the effects of
poisonous gas, so far as reported, but
it is probable that more casualties will
develop, as in the Toul sector.

The American artillery also obliterated
a mine-throwing position held by
the enemy.

A stray German shell fell on an
American ammunition train, killing
two and wounding four soldiers. A
town behind the American lines was
shelled, one soldier being killed and
five wounded. A dozen shells fell in
the town.

The number of soldiers suffering
from the effects of the recent German
gas attack was increased to-day by
twenty, bringing the total gas casual-
ties to eighty.

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